

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 1, 15, 16 and 20-22 so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method of linking a digital
2 photographic imaging service requester to a service provider selected from a
3 plurality of different service providers, comprising:
 - 4 g)——providing a services directory which includes entries for a
5 plurality of services, each service associated with at least one of said plurality of
6 different service providers;
 - 7 h)——selecting of a service by the service requester to be
8 provided with respect to a digital image;
 - 9 i)——automatically providing the requester with a list of one or
10 more of said plurality of different service providers based on a business criterion;
 - 11 j)——said requester selecting one of said plurality of different
12 service providers from said list;
 - 13 k)——providing a request for a desired service to the selected
14 service provider; and
 - 15 l)——providing of said desired service by said selected service
16 provider.
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- 1 2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the criterion
2 comprises a location of a designated recipient.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the criterion is
2 selected from one of the following:
3 Brand
4 Cost of service
5 Specific Product characteristics
6 Delivery time
7 Delivery method
8 Delivery reach
9 Specific provider characteristics
10 Access time
11 Ability to ship to specific location.

1 4. (original) The method a according to claim 1 wherein said
2 automatically providing of said list is accomplished through the use of a locator
3 service.

1 5. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said
2 criterion is a dynamic criterion.

1 6. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein said
2 dynamic criterion comprises price.

1 7. (original) The method according to claim 6 wherein said
2 dynamic criterion is set for a predetermined period of time.

1 8. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein said
2 dynamic criterion comprises the work flow capacity of the provider.

1 9. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein said
2 dynamic criterion is automatically adjusted based on predetermined criterion.

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1 10. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said
2 requester selecting one of said plurality of different service providers from said
3 list further comprises obtaining a subset of providers from said list based a second
4 criterion.

1 11. (original) The method according to claim 1 wherein said
2 criterion is directly associated with the digital image.

1 12. (original) A method according to claim 10 wherein said
2 second criterion comprises one of the following:

3 least expensive
4 closest.

1 13. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the
2 service provider is positioned on the display screen of imaging client according to
3 a business criteria.

1 14. (original) A method according to claim 13 wherein said
2 business criteria is based on the amount paid by the service provider to be on said
3 service directory.

1 15. (currently amended) A method according to claim 13
2 wherein said business criteria is based on a contract.

1 16. (currently amended) A method according to claim 13
2 wherein said business criteria is based on the image capture device.

1 17. (original) A method according to claim 16 wherein said
2 image capture device comprises a digital camera.

1 18. (original) A method according to claim 17 wherein image
2 capture device is programmed at the time of purchase.

1 19. (original) A method according to claim 1 wherein a kiosk
2 is used to access the service provider.

1 20. (currently amended) A system for providing imaging
2 services over a communications network, including:

3 f)——a first device having a user interface for receiving
4 commands from a user and a network interface,

5 g)——a plurality of different service providers connected to said
6 communication network,

7 h)——a computer having a network interface for communication
8 to said first device over said communication network, wherein said computer
9 having a services directory having entries for a plurality of services, at least one
10 service is associated with said plurality of different service providers, each of said
11 plurality of different service providers having associated information,

12 i)——wherein the user, using said first device, selects a service,

13 j)——said computer automatically provides a list of at least one
14 of said plurality of different service providers based on a business criterion using
15 said associated information,

16 k)——said selected service provider providing said requested
17 service.

1 21. (currently amended) A computer software product for
2 linking a digital photographic imaging service requester to a service provider
3 selected from a plurality of service providers, said computer software program
4 will when loaded on to a computer will cause the computer to do the following
5 steps:
6 a) providing a services directory which includes entries for a
7 plurality of services, each service associated with at least one of said plurality of
8 different service providers;
9 b) selecting of a service by the service requester to be
10 provided with respect to a digital image;
11 c) automatically providing the requester with a list of one or
12 more of said plurality of different service providers based on a business criterion;
13 d) said requester selecting one of said plurality of different
14 service providers from said list;
15 e) providing a request for a desired service to the selected
16 service provider,
17 f) providing of said desired service by said selected service
18 provider.

1 22. (currently amended) A method of linking a digital
2 photographic imaging service requester to a service provider selected from a
3 plurality of different service providers that are registered in a member system,
4 comprising:
5 a) providing a services directory which includes entries for a
6 plurality of services, each service associated with at least one of said plurality of
7 different service providers;
8 b) selecting of a service by the service requester to be
9 provided with respect to a digital image;
10 c) automatically providing the requester with a list of one or
11 more of said plurality of different service providers based on a business criterion;
12 d) said requester selecting one of said plurality of different
13 service providers from said list;
14 e) providing a request for a desired service to the selected
15 service provider; and
16 f) providing of said desired service by said selected service
17 provider.